

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on March 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 183, 2/25/2015; SB 210, 2/25/2015

00:00:03 Chairman Redfield
00:00:16 Rep. Manzella entered

HEARING ON SB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 183, Revise milk
licensing assessments.
00:01:49 Rep. Williams entered the hearing
[EXHIBIT\(agh51a01\)](#)
00:03:34 Rep. Berglee entered the hearing
00:04:11 Rep. Harris entered the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:56 Jock Anderson, Meadow Gold
[EXHIBIT\(agh51a02\)](#)
00:07:00 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)
[EXHIBIT\(agh51a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:53 Chad Lee, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:37 Rep. Hertz
00:09:35 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:09:37 Rep. Hertz
00:09:48 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:11:05 Rep. Hertz
00:11:34 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:12:45 Rep. Hertz
00:15:06 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:16:59 Rep. Monforton entered the hearing
00:18:32 Rep. Hertz
00:19:26 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:21:16 Rep. Salomon
00:21:37 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:24:32 Rep. Lang
00:25:01 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:26:17 Rep. Curdy
00:26:34 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:26:57 Rep. Curdy
00:26:59 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:27:32 Rep. Curdy
00:27:52 Chad Lee, MDOL
00:28:25 Rep. Berglee
00:29:00 Rep. Olsen
00:29:39 Chad Lee, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:09 Sen. T. Brown

HEARING ON SB 210**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:55 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 210, Include mountain lion in livestock loss program.
00:35:28 Rep. MacDonald entered the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:10 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Montana Stock Growers Association (MFBF) (MSGA)
00:40:44 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:41:35 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies
00:43:18 David Schulz, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:44:30 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:44:54 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:10 Rep. McKamey
00:45:47 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:45:57 Rep. McKamey
00:46:07 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:46:46 Rep. McKamey
00:46:55 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:47:18 Rep. Williams
00:47:48 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:47:55 Rep. Williams
00:48:16 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:49:06 Rep. Williams
00:50:13 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:51:34 Rep. Clark
00:51:58 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:52:47 Rep. Clark
00:53:00 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:53:45 Rep. Harris
00:54:14 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:54:35 Rep. Lang
00:54:55 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:55:28 Rep. Staffanson
00:55:44 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board
00:56:23 Rep. McKamey
00:57:00 Quentin Kujala, FWP
00:57:05 Rep. Webber
00:57:20 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Board

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:14 Sen. Vuckovich

00:58:36 Chairman Redfield

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 31

00:59:13 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 31 BE CONCURRED IN.**

EXHIBIT(agh51a04)

00:59:38 **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved that **SB 31 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:00:03 Rep. Williams

01:00:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

01:01:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 31 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy. Rep. Hertz will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232

01:02:04 Chairman Redfield

01:02:08 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:02:17 Rep. Salomon

01:02:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy. Rep. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183

01:03:08 Chairman Redfield

01:03:16 Rep. Hertz

01:03:22 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 183 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:03:35 Rep. Hertz

01:05:10 Rep. Salomon

01:05:20 Rep. Staffanson

01:05:30 Without objection, Rep. Clark withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

01:05:51 Chairman Redfield

01:06:47 Rep. Lang

01:06:56 Chairman Redfield

01:07:11 Rep. Lang

01:07:15 Chairman Redfield

01:07:23 Rep. Harris

01:07:39 Chairman Redfield

01:07:57 Rep. Salomon

01:08:02 Chairman Redfield

01:08:11 Rep. Harris

01:08:16 Chairman Redfield

01:08:26 Rep. Staffanson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:09:06

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh51aad.pdf](#))